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Application Number: 09/744,675  
Applicants: Edward L. Squires, Patrick M. McCue, George E. Seidel  
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Title: Equine System for Non-Surgical Artificial Insemination  
TC/A.U: 1634  
Examiner: Carla J. Meyers  
Assignee: XY, Inc.  
Attorney Docket: XY-Equine3-USNP  
Customer No.: 33549  
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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This Response and Request for Reconsideration is in reply to an Office Action dated May 1, 2006 in the above-captioned case. A shortened statutory period of three months has been set, making a response to this action due on or by August 1, 2006. The Applicant is requesting that this time period be extended for three months to and including November 1, 2006 and has included a Petition for Extension of Time along with the prescribed fee. This response is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 using the format with each heading beginning on a separate page as follows:

1. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this response; and
2. Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.

To respond to all issues and concerns raised in the Office Action, this Response and Request for Reconsideration is submitted. Each amendment is believed to have been made in accordance with Rule 121. However, should any unintended informality exist, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone so that the informality may be resolved as expediently as possible. The Applicant further notes it is believed that the current amendments do not incur any claim fees. However, should any claim fees be due, it is again requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone so that the informality may be resolved as expediently as possible.